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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. NAGAI et al.
Serial No.: 09/290,251
Filed: April 13, 1999
For: REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND REPRODUCTION
METHOD OF DIGITAL VIDEO SIGNAL OR AUDIO
SIGNAL
Art Unit: 2165
Examiner: N. Rosen

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 22, 2001

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action of May 22, 2001, which replaced the final Office Action of January 19, 2001, and restarted the period for response, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be reconsidered in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending, with claims 1-8 and 10-16 being independent.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-11, 14, and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Linnartz in view of Doi.

Claims 2-3, 5, 7, and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Linnartz in view of Doi, Tozaki et al. (Tozaki), and Mardirossian.